SHERLOCK BONES

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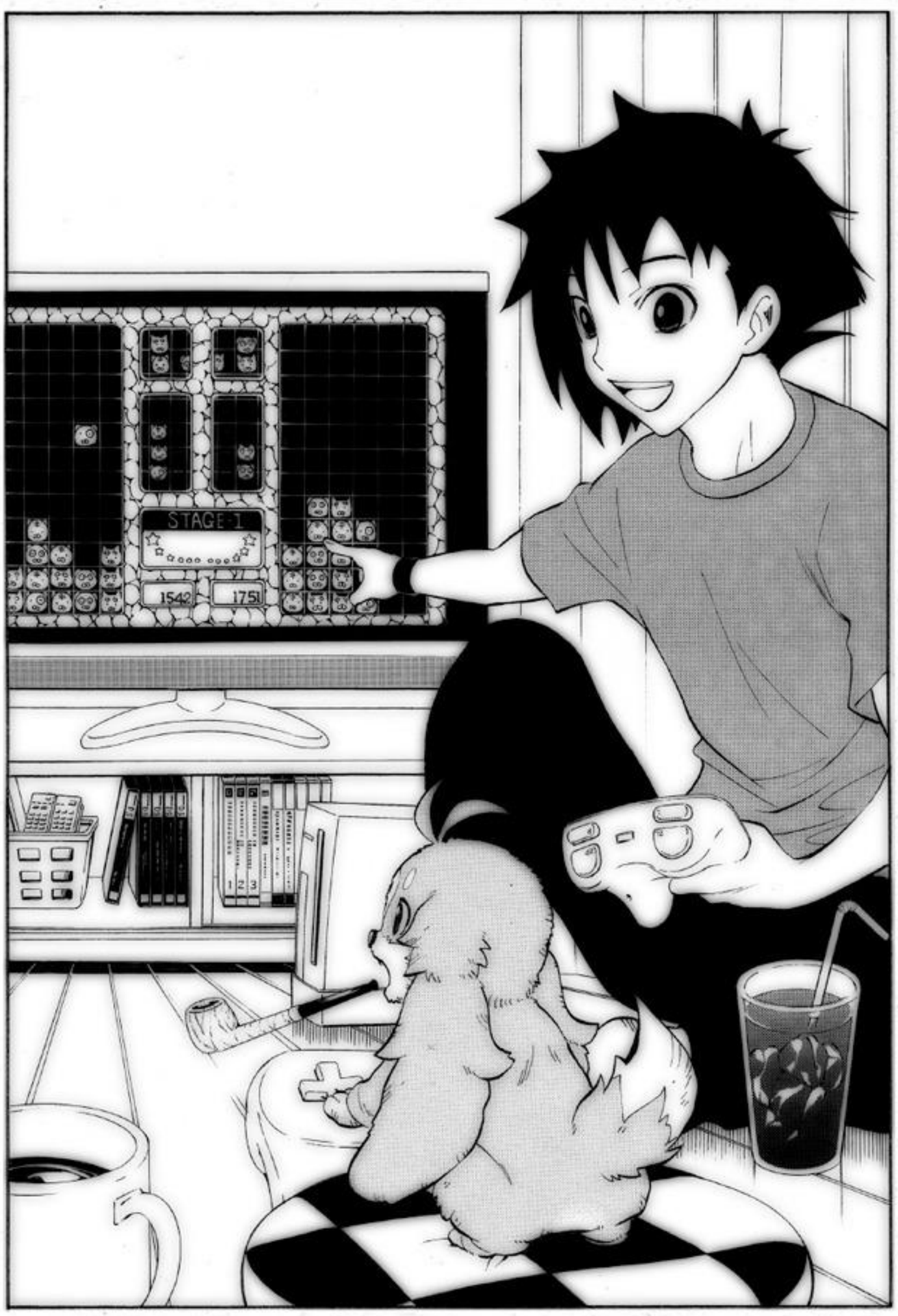

Sherdog & Takeru Wajima

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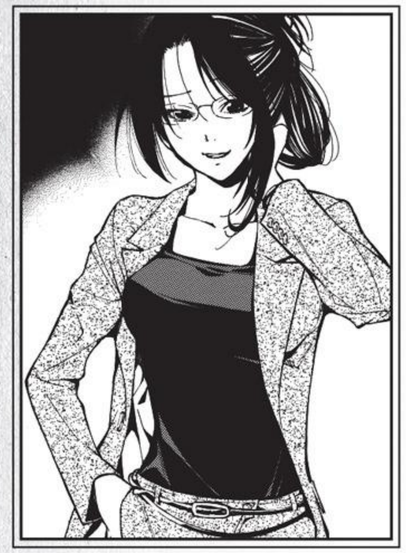
Airin Wajima

Takeru's sister, an inspector in the Violent Crimes Division. She is quite an attractive woman. Sherdog calls her Irene.



Miki Arisaka

A second-year at London Academy High School. Takeru's friend since childhood, and member of the school newspaper staff. Takeru's crush.

THE STORY SO FAR

"Hello, my dear Watson."
The dog spoke! Takeru took a dog home from the pound, and he turned out to be Sherlock Holmes! But apparently Takeru is the only one who can understand him speak. Named for Sherlock Holmes, but with a canine spin, Sherdog and his master Takeru find themselves surrounded by mysterious crimes in modern-day Japan!!

STORY

CHARACTERS

Takeru Wajima

A second-year at London Academy High School, he is an ordinary student who loves dogs. He is Sherdog's owner and the one person who can understand him. When Sherdog saw his name, he misread it as Watson, and appointed Takeru his assistant. Perhaps through some trick of fate, the two are mixed up in all kinds of difficult mysteries.

Sherdog
(Sherlock Holmes)

The mixed-breed puppy that Takeru adopted. His true identity is that of the world-famous detective, Sherlock Holmes. When he has the Wajima family's heirloom pipe in his mouth, he can speak to Takeru. He solves crimes with Takeru, learning about the modern world in the process.

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Tea Time 1 ⚜ An Unusual Guest

キィ…

CREAK…

キィ…

CREAK…

SHERLOCK BONES

ふぁ

YAAAWN…

キィ…

CREAK…

ペタペタ

STEP STEP

'Morning, Mom…

Takeru Wajima (16)

Second Year Student at London Academy High School

Sherdog!!!

RUSTLE

I know it's Sunday, but let's not sleep the entire day away, hm?

HEH...

Good morning, My dear Watson.

I had a chair just like this on Baker Street in London.

I would sit there, smoking my pipe and reading the *Times*.

And my name is SherLOCK, Watson.

I told you, you can't sit there, Sherdog!

That rocking chair is Mom's favorite spot!

Even I stay out of it!

Of course, with the great Sherlock Holmes on the case, it won't be long before the criminal is brought to justice.

It appears there's been a series of break-ins in our neighbor-hood.

He's not listening.

...

Hm? Take a look at this article, Watson.

MOM!

JDLT

?!

Takeru.

ARF

Hello, Madam! I hope you don't mind my borrowing your chair.

He has your grandfather's pipe again... And he's lit it...!!

ARF

ARF

It's creepy... Creepy...!!

He'll get dog hair on it... MUTTER And why? Is he pretending to be human again? MUTTER Opening up the newspaper, and... MUTTER

QUIVER

What is ***wrong*** with your dog? Why is he sitting ***there?*** MUTTER MUTTER

QUIVER

QUIVER

M-M-M-M-MORNING, MOM! IT... IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK...

Satoko Wajima (46)
Housewife
(former policewoman)

THAT'S IT! YOU'RE TAKING HIM BACK TO THE SHELTER!!

Please! Anything but that!

YIP!

WHOOM

I...I'll discipline him! I promise!!

DASH

...HMM.

The lady of the house is in an even fouler mood than usual today.

VOOM

ゴゴゴ

The hair! The dog hair!!

Sigh.

...You can't keep doing this.

If I were to go off to school and leave you here...

Are you suggesting that history's greatest detective wear a collar, go out for walkies, and answer the call of nature in the middle of the street?

Yeah, 'cause you refuse to act like a dog!

How did you light that, anyway?

SULK

CLANG

...someone would take you off to the pound while I was gone.

No, not that!!

What?!

?

ARF!

You have my word!!

... I sure hope so...

You stay here and don't get into any trouble, Sherdog!

...Look! Now she's at max crankiness, and it's all your fault!

C-coming!

Takeruuu!! I'm going shopping! Come carry groceries for me!

...To do something to improve the lady's mood.

ひょこっ

HOP

I know! I'll take this opportu-nity...

TEP てち TEP てち TEP てち TEP てち TEP てち TEP

Whew. One must be considerate when relying on the hospitality of others.

?!

CRASH

Pepper's

This is quite the pile of dishes.

Dear me.

SCRITCH SCRITCH

Well, the challenge makes it all the more worth...

...doing!

CATCH

...

ZUNN...

Oh no you don't!!

はむっ!

HOMPH!

!!

SLIP

LIFT

N...never mind. I'll... clean it up later.

ZSHH

CHOMP

I'll start with this large plate...

WINCE

DROP

SMASH

SHATTER

CRASH

ZSHH

Whew. That was close...

FWICK

SWAY

G-GLANCE

...

Good heavens!!

MWOM.

I'll clean the mess and the matter will be resolved!!

ZH ZH

This isn't a problem! A quick observation tells me there weren't any particularly expensive dishes in that pile!

ZH ZH ZH

I'll just clean it up! To the vacuum cleaner!!

DASH

S-stay calm!

TADAH!!

One of the great conveniences of modern civilization—the electric vacuum cleaner!!

SCRUNCH

ニギニギしゃっ

Just...just clean it up!

VHEEEN

ズボボボ

CRASH

スイスイ

Clean, unsmudge, immaculify...

WHAM

ムラ

SNAP

フキフキ

SNAP

ZH

ZH

ZH

ズズズ

RUMBLE

...

RUMBLE

HOW...?

RUMBLE

RUMBLE

ズイ...

ズズズ

RUMBLE

How did this happen...?

Whoa...!

WINCE

OFF TO THE POUND WITH YOU!!

This will certainly do nothing to improve the lady's disposition...

SHUDDER

KWAH!

Who's there?!

What? No, that's not...

Are the dogcatchers here for me already?

And sunglasses!!

A ski cap,

He's wearing a mask,

He carries a bag with an intricate pattern on it!!

His shoes are still on his feet!!

DUUUN

His dress indicates that he is...!!

What the hell? Somebody beat me in here.

I have already determined his identity!!

The brain of the unparalleled super-sleuth is working at full capacity!

Heh heh heh! I can see it all.

SMIRK

Man, this place is a disaster area.

This isn't just a break-in, it's downright robbery.

Only a very few peoples have a custom of removing their shoes upon entering a home.

Outside of certain Eastern cultures such as Japan,

Ergo he must be a westerner.

First, he came into the house without removing his shoes.

...is in the paisley* pattern on the bag he carries on his back!!

The clue...

So what is his nationality?!

*The pattern is actually a Japanese style arabesque, not paisley.

And so it came to be called Paisley. Therefore...

Paisley

Scotland

Thence, textiles with this pattern were mass-produced in Paisley, Scotland at the beginning of the nineteenth century.

The design originated in Persia, but traveled through India to Great Britain during colonial times.

Furthermore!

Ugh, what a filthy mess...

It offends my larcener's aesthetic.

Our visitor has come from Scotland!!

The habit is unique to blue-eyed westerners with low levels of melanin.

He is protecting his eyes against the ultraviolet light, which becomes stronger with the low position of the late autumn/early winter sun.

The sunglasses.

Europeans are often allergic to plants of the Poaceae family.

And with the rice fields found all over Japan, his symptoms would be aggravated.

And that mask!

It indicates that the fellow suffers from pollen allergies.

That ski cap!

The final question.

My allergy theory is sound...

Hmm...

Really? He had to spill pepper everywhere, too?

Achoo!!

Now then...

Heh. Even forced into a dog's body, the great Holmes is still in top form!!

...has always had a deep connection to Europe, England in particular.

There is no mistaking that the Wajima family...

As indicated by the fact that my favorite pipe from 100 years ago was found resting on their mantelpiece.

And yet he wears a ski cap.

There are very few places in Japan where one can go skiing at this time of year.

Ski Resort

He must have a reason!

...then came to visit his friend, the man of the house here, in Japan...

Ergo, our guest...

...first enjoyed some off-peak season skiing in the Alps, most likely in Switzerland...

...after which he will return home to Scotland!!

Hello, My Fellow Briton!!

ARF!

DUUUN

!!

A...a dog?

Arf arf arf!!

WINCE

ARF!

Welcome to the Wajima residence!

As an English gentleman from days gone by, it is my duty to greet him properly!!

* Of course he's forgotten that he is a dog.

Allow me to...

WOBBLE

Might I offer you some coffee?

OOF...

They have a dog...

ハッ

ハッ

ハッ

SIZZZLE

SPLASH

HO-HOT! HOT HOT!!

SHOONK

I'M gonna kill y—

Y...you stupid dog!

PUFF PUFF

YIP YIP YIP

N...no!! I've spilled hot water on our guest!

We're home!

KACHAK

Gyaaa...! Don't...don't bite Me!!

ARF ARF ARF!

O-oh no! You're bleeding! Please remove your shoes!!

O-owww!! G... glass! Broken glass!

?

WHAM

SLAM!

It was him! His outfit just screams intruder!!

Wh-What the—!!

What happened to our house?!

Come quietly, you...

Airin Wajima (24)
Takeru's sister. Inspector, Violent Crimes Division

Kōsuke Wajima (48)
Takeru's father, police sergeant

...

P... POLICE ...?

WH...

WHY ME...?

Did Sherdog... catch the thief?

...

SLUMP

D...did...

He wasn't a guest?

...What?

Whoa, really, Airin-nēchan?! That's awesome, Sherdog!!

...

It's true! The thief from all those break-ins!

We found Sherdog biting him, throwing hot water on him... He caught him!

We'll have to take good care of this one!! Right, Mom?

No kidding!

You saved our whole house!

...

Ha ha ha!
はっはっはっ

...

なで
なで
PET
PET

What they don't know... won't hurt them...

うーむ… Hmm.

Heroic Police Dog

Family

Thief Doesn't Know What Hit Him. "It wasn't me! Somebody was in the house first!"

Please, Risa-chan.

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I really want to make you the heroine in my next series.

I hope you'll reconsider.

...Kuma-kawa-san.

...

Besides...

I couldn't do that to Ami.

I still haven't forgiven you.

...And I never will.

...

PATTER

PERK

Kumakawa-san, Risa-chan. We're ready for you!

Oh!

Okay!♡

I'm coming!! ♡♡

KACHAK

KNOCK KNOCK

Oh, don't be like that.

Come in.

!

Is this...?

!

CLATTER

Sigh... If the staff saw how she was treating her fan mail...

What are all these fan letters doing in the trash?

Sorry. I'm right behind you.

CLACK CLACK

Kumakawa-san?

...

You've been scouted?!

Grr!

Looks pretty shady to me...

You hear about it all the time. They say they'll make you a star, then they sell you off somewhere...

Yoshiko Yamada

Anyway, she said they had a bit part for me in some movie they're filming.

This is her card.

Shh! Not so loud, Takeru.

It's a super famous talent agency!

Haven't you ever heard of Kodan Talent Management?

SNATCH

ARF!

You sound worried, Watson.

LONDON

CLATTER

?!

PDP

It's more than just famous! They represent *the* Yūji Kumakawa!

And the idol Risa Kawai!

I've heard she's kind of a brat, but she's so cute.

...

SQUEE

SQUEE

Hey, Miki! Aren't you a big fan of Yūji Kumakawa's?

Hee hee! You think so?

This could be your chance to get close to him!

Lucky!

MRK...!

Heh.

Anyway.

I know how you feel, Watson.

MUNCH

MUNCH

JERKY

Huh?

ARF

You see?

Sherdog, shake!!

Here, Sherdoggy! Want some jerky?

Say aah!

So cute

FWAP

CHOMP

SHOONK

THIS HAS GONE TOO FAR...

ARF

What?! Why not?!

And it's SherLOCK!

PANIC PANIC

SHOVE SHOVE

FLAIL FLAIL

What the— Sherdog! I told you not to show your face in class!

ARF

Huh?

Everyone knows you hide me in your bag every day.

You're not fooling anyone.

ARF

You're just a dog.

I'm really having a hard time buying this "Holmes" business.

Heh. Yeah right.

KER-THWACK

Even I, Sherlock Holmes, have felt the loneliness, the heartbreak...

The object of your secret affections is passing out of your reach.

If you're really so worried...

GLANCE チラ

That packs a punch! FSH FSH

Golden Right Paw

ARF

You're the one getting irritated!

Now, now, no need to be so irritated, Watson.

...Huh?

Kodan Talent Management
Chief Manager
Yoshiko Yamada
Tokyo
TEL
FAX
CELL

...I have an idea for you.

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They may...

...go after you next.

うう

WIBBLE

WIBBLE

Ayaka Asakura-san!!

ヒィ"

WINCE

!!

But there are some things you should keep to yourself!

Akaboshi-san! ...You may be a great detective...

I have no intention of...

Cuuut!!!

Uh...I...

ムギュ

HUG

We'll be alone tonight... ♡

But never Mind!

Hey, kid! Get these props, too!

You were perfect, Kumakawa-chan! It was just like I pictured it! The role of chivalrous detective Hikaru Akaboshi was Made for you!

That was great! Good job!!

Argh... My back hurts!

And humble as ever!

You're too kind, sir!

I heard you charged into the management office without an appointment and demanded they give you a job.

...You really surprised me.

Miki!

せーはー GASP WHEEZE GASP WHEEZE せーはー

Y-yessir!

No slacking off!!

Takeru.

TAP

Uh...oh, you know...

Worried about me...are you?

...

Y... you're not...

...

Oh.

Actually, I've always been interested in show business.

And, uh, yeah! I'm a fan of, uh...Risa Kawai-chan? Yeah!!

ペラペラ BLAH BLAH

ペラペラ BLAH BLAH

Just... shut up.

Eeeeeee! ♡

That's what it means to be young, Watson.

And before you have time to think, you say things you don't mean.

...

PAT

Uh...

すたすた SHFF SHFF

Well, good luck with your new job.

Where did this puppy come from? He's soooo cute!!! ♡♡♡

ひよい YOINK

?!

CLATTER

カバッ

Huh? Uh, yes.

What's his name?

Hey, is this your dog?

R...Risa Kawai...chan!!

In person!!

ニコ

GRIN...

SQUIIISH

むにゅ

Sherdog? Sounds smart! ♡

Sher-lock!!

Sh... Sherdog!

Can I borrow your puppy? Just for today?

Y-yes'm?

Hey, Mr. Production Assistant.

I **adore** wittle doggies! ♡

Huh? I don't know...

oh!

PRESS

Y-yes, ma'am! Keep him as long as you like!!

B-DMP

うるうる

WIBBLE WIBBLE

Pretty please...? ♡

ワ、ワッ!?

My dear Watson!!

...

A-ARF?!

Eek!

WHAM

...That stupid Takeru!

ムカ IRK

SCRUNCH めきっ

SAP

Ogling that little tramp...

ARF

As my assistant, this is very irresponsible of you! And I thought you had feelings for Miki Arisaka!

Oh! My name's Takeru Wajima!

Thanks so much! Um...

It's no use. I just can't resist that smile.

Forgive me, Sherdog.

Whoops.

Are you... the new girl our chief manager scouted?

...Oh!

!!

Y...yes. My name's Miki Arisaka.

Y...Yūji Kumakawa... san!!

I'm so sorry. Are you okay?

...

Wow... He's just too dreamy...

See you later!

Th-thank you very much!

There's a big market for girl-next-door types right now.

PAT

Miki-chan, then! Break a leg!

HOT HOT HOT!

あちぃ

SCRUNCH...

DRIP DRIP

ポタ ポタ ポタ...

くしゃ...

Paper cup

What... What's she getting all red for? Stupid Miki...

You'll be sleeping with me tonight, Sherdog! ♡

RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

B-DMP B-DMP

WOOF?!

7 ?!?

What!

My first time sharing a bed with a woman in my new life... I never dreamed it would happen like this.

Being a dog might not be so bad!

But first...

Oh no...

RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

Oh!

Tadah!

It's time for a photo shoot!

...Oh well.

I'll just use this.

And... there!

?

トコトコ

B-BEEP

Just like the real Sherlock Holmes!! ♡♡

トコトコ

B-BEEP

Oh, you're too cute! ♡

トコトコ

B-BEEP

Getting into it.

What a lovely young lady! And to think I'd heard she was a spoiled diva.

ARF!

I'M gonna post these on My blog!! ♡♡

Thank you, Mr. Sherdog!

CREAK

ミシッ

Sigh... Why won't he just leave me alone?

Dumb old stalker.

...

SS

Now then...

RISA-SAN HERE'S YOUR FAN MAIL. YAMADA

Risa Kawai

Stalker?!

WOOF?

What...? But those were her fan letters!

THUD

THUD

ARF ワンワン… ARF

As a matter of fact!! I may not look it, but I am in fact the pride of England!

...I wish they'd arrest him, too.

The world-famous detective, the one and only Sherlock Holmes!!

If only you were the real Sherlock Holmes...

"Sher*dog*," huh?

ARF ワン!!

Grr! How could the police of Japan let this go unchecked?

After a while, it got scary...

It didn't bother me at first, but...

He's been sending me a lot more letters recently.

"Tonight"?

クゥ～ン?

WHIMPER?

ARF! ワン!!

With me at your side, you have nothing to fear! I'll catch this stalker in one fell swoop!

HEE ワン!!

Thanks, Sherdog.

Not that you understand me... heh heh.

Wajima-kun, was it? I hate to take his dog... but I just couldn't stand the thought of being alone tonight.

...Because... tonight...

I'M going to avenge her.

Can I tell you something?

Hee! It's like we're really talking!

WHIMPER...

フゥーン...

Just what are you...?

Her slimebag of a boyfriend betrayed her.

Ami Takahara Commits Suicide

My very best friend was in show business, too.

She killed herself last Month.

I'll post the text messages Ami sent me...

...and expose all of his evil deeds on my blog.

When we're done filming...

And you see... It really makes me angry...

...That I have to be in a movie with that sleazeball.

Hikaru Akaboshi: *The Chivalrous Detective*

Tonight, I'm going to get my hands on some proof.

I'll make sure he can't talk his way out of it.

P-pardon me! What have I done!

Oh, no, Sherdog! Don't run around the table!

ARF

ARF

ARF

あたふた あたふた

FLUSTER FLUSTER

KNOCK KNOCK

!!

Miss Risa...

SPLASH

ARF!

Wh-What do you mean?

I came to run lines with you, like I promised.

It's me. Kuma-kawa.

!!

Risa-chan.

Just a minute!

...

And no talking about you-know-what until the shoot's over.

I'm afraid I *don't* "know what."

Sorry, Sherdog. I need you to stay here.

SHUT

...Oh, don't change the subject.

It's our last scene...number 21. I wanted to make a small change...

Actually, there was one part I wanted to discuss with you.

...Okay, never mind. Let's get started.

FWOOSH

Hikaru Akaboshi:
The Chivalrous Detective

What ...?

STRANGLE

NGH...
HNN...

...your death scene.

I want to make it...

STRANGLE

STRANGLE

STRANGLE

STRANGLE

...destroy my career.

GAH...

NGH... GHH...

I'M not going to let a little prima donna like you...

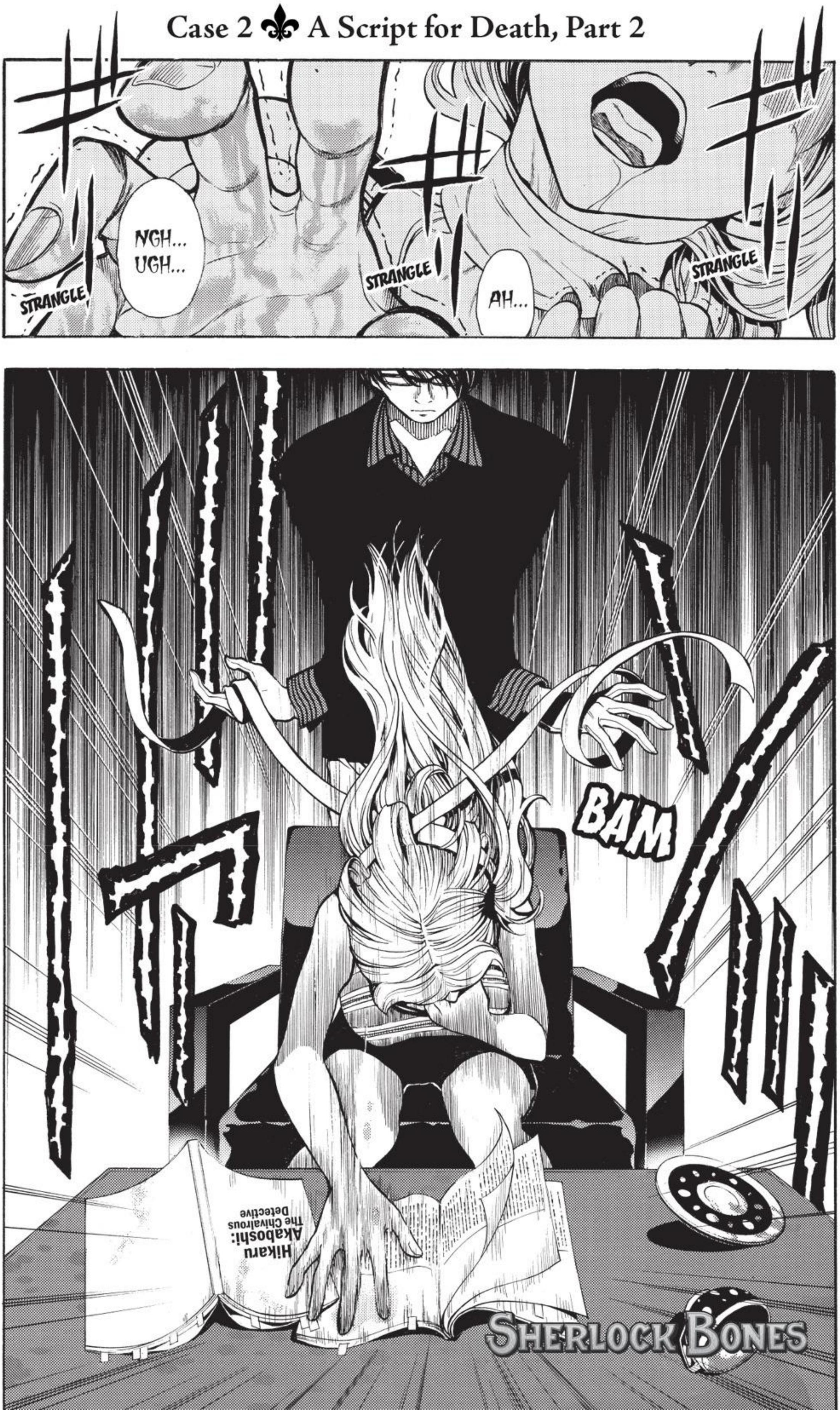
...

I hope Sherdog is okay...

What in the blazes is going on out there?!

What...?

Case 2 ⚜ A Script for Death, Part 2



Miss Risa! What happened?!

?!

Good! It's open!!

KACHAK

ARF ARF

Miss Risa!!

SCAMPER

!

I'm so sorry to tell you, but your master is no longer with us.

What? A dog? Heh...

...That *hurts*.

GRIT...

Damn you!!

CHOMP

BAM!

Yip!!

FLING

Damn dog!!

SWOON

...beat him... to the ground...

I could easily...

N...no... If only I were human...

SLUMP...

Now.

110

SNAP

...

RUMMAGE

!

Ugh... What a filthy mess...

SS

She got cocoa on my script.

How cute.

THE LITTLE BIMBO... SHE WANTED TO GET ME TO TALK ABOUT AMI...

AN IC RECORDER. I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN SHE'D HAVE ONE OF THESE ON HER.

...SO SHE COULD RECORD IT.

I STILL HAVEN'T FORGIVEN YOU.

...to cover my tracks.

I don't have much time...

Maybe I shouldn't have let Risa-chan take Sherdog...

...

And that means he's a grown man.

SHLEP すったら すったら SHLEP

I mean...on the inside, he's Sherlock Holmes, right?

HUBBA はふ はふ HUBBA

Don't Mind if I do!♡

いっただきまーす♡

NUZZLE LICK

DRAIN

M...Miki. What... brings you here?

...

They're making a lot of noise next door...

Takeru, it's the Middle of the night! What are you shouting about?

I can't let that happen!!

AAAAAHHH!

THAT'S SHERDOG'S BARK!!

ARF

That voice... Is that you, Watson?!

ARF

ARF

The door is unlocked! Come in here, quickly!!

ARF

ARF

ARF

But I'm hearing a dog barking...

It's supposed to be Risa-chan's room.

Huh...?

ARF... ARF...

BAM

You can't just go—

GRAB

H...hey! Takeru?!

KYAAAAAAAAAA!!

RUWAAAAAAAAA

Uh...right!

STAGGER...

PATTER PATTER

...

Go to the lobby and get help!

M...Miki, don't look!

What... What happened?

Sher-dog...

...

SHUT

Murder... as you can clearly see.

I was shut up in the bathroom. When I made it out...it was too late.

Yes, I saw him clear as day.

...Wait. That means... you know who killed her.

Yes, thank-fully...

You did? Are you okay?

But I did bite him as hard as I could...

By heavens, this is the greatest regret of the renowned Sherlock Holmes!

Th...the good-looking actor? But he seemed so nice.

You must never judge people by their appearances, Watson.

Mo...

STAGGER...

Wha—?!

It was Yūji Kuma-kawa!

He must have been planning the murder before he ever entered the room.

...He was wearing gloves.

Now, she will never smile again.

...

...Such a pity.

FWAH...

She was a nice young woman...who cared very deeply about her friend.

She had her fiery moments...but her smile was genuine...

...

Watson.

Cover her face.

Sherdog...

She wasn't ready to go.

Yes... it is cruel...

She didn't do anything wrong...

That's awful... She had her whole life ahead of her...

The great detective Sherlock Holmes saw his crime!

Leave it to me! The witness you need is right before you!

We'll find some proof.

He'll pay...

And that will be his undoing!

You won't get away with this...Yūji Kumakawa!!

Y-yes, sir!!

いそげ!!! HURRY UP!

Hey, I'm the owner here!

DASH

Don't leave any finger-prints!!

Now's our chance to look for clues!

SLUMP

Therein lies the problem...

...But you're a dog.

...is inside the waste basket!!

The first place to look, Watson...

ARF!

ZSH

You got it!

Yes... Now that you mention it, she told me as much.

Yikes!

Whoa... she was being stalked, Sherdog!

Read the letter.

Tokyo XXX

Kodan Talent

Risa gement

wai-sama

RUSTLE...

It's a bunch of letters... looks like fan mail.

...Yes, but...

CLICK

She told you about it?

What next, Sherdog?

...

Risa Kawai-sama

I WISH THEY'D ARREST THE STALKER, TOO...

...

HE'S BEEN SENDING ME A LOT MORE LETTERS RECENTLY. IT'S GETTING SCARY.

Her cell phone.

SD CARD

Next...there, beside her.

When she took me...

...into the bathroom...

Huh? Why?

Because, Watson.

It was still charging!

...I saw the phone on the counter.

But now...

...it's beside her. That means...

I hate to invade the lady's privacy...but let's have a look at her call history.

Exactly.

...and moved it here?

Kumakawa deliberately unplugged it...

Y... yeah...

He must have had a reason.

But I remember her saying...

I'm not finding anything important...

Hmm...

I see... And texts?

I'm finding a lot of names and numbers, but I can't make heads or tails of it.

HER SLIME-BAG OF A BOYFRIEND BETRAYED HER.

MY VERY BEST FRIEND WAS IN SHOW BUSINESS, TOO. SHE KILLED HERSELF LAST MONTH.

AMI TAKAHARA

I'm pretty sure she's the new idol that killed herself a month ago.

She was getting really popular, too.

Huh? How do you know?

PERKY PINUPS

Ami Takahara

Where do you wanna go today?

I'LL POST THE TEXT MES-SAGES AMI SENT ME...

...AND EXPOSE ALL OF HIS EVIL DEEDS ON MY BLOG.

Ami? You Mean Ami Takahara?

That's it...the Motive!

He killed Risa-chan... just to keep her quiet?!

...So he wanted to hide the fact...that *he's* why she committed suicide.

I looked through everything, but I didn't find any incriminating texts.

I knew it... He must have read them and deleted any that mentioned him.

If I were the criminal, I would have left the phone in the same place.

We don't have all the facts.

It may not be anything so trivial.

...

Huh?

Huh?

That's the key, Watson.

But wouldn't it be a lot easier to just take it with him?

...would bring those text messages out into public view.

In other words, he must have assumed that a police investigation...

Any text messages on the phone may still be in her carrier's database.

Surely you can deduce his reasoning?

And if that is the case, then why would the killer deliberately leave the phone where the police are sure to find it?

The police would suspect it had something to do with the murder, and then they'd investigate everything about it!!

GASP!

Right! If the phone had gone missing...

...he left it where it could easily be found!

Then, as if the phone was of no concern to him at all...

Quite so, Watson!

So instead, he erased the data relating to himself.

We shall have to proceed with caution.

Indeed...

SHUDDER

And he's clever... This is gonna be tricky!!

...Man, he's got guts.

But there's no card in here for some reason.

It'd be great if she had the texts backed up on a memory card or something.

!!

So how do we get them to investigate the phone?!

I can't just tell them, "My dog saw it!"

Argh.

...

Even with the texts deleted, the police could find something if they just knew where to look.

...

Oh, it's like...

Memory card? What is a memory card?

GRRR...

!

Look at that, Watson.

ガチャ!!

KACHAK

GASP

Takeru!

And one of her friends...

I brought one of the hotel staff!

...

NOD

Yūji
Kumakawa!
The
criminal
returns to
the scene!!

There he is, Watson.

Our murderer.

Yūji Kumakawa!

SHERLOCK BONES

Case 2 ⚜ A Script for Death, Part 3

Risa-chan...!

DRIP

Risa...

The police are on their way!!

NNH... HNNH...

...

CLENCH

Nooo-oooo!!

Why...? Why did this have to happen to you?!

SLUMP

P... please, calm down, sir!!

My name is Wajima.

BOW ペコ

I'm working part-time on the set.

!

And... you are?

SNIFFLE グス…

SS

GRR...

...My dog, I mean!!

I was letting Risa-chan look after him.

A production assistant? What are you doing *here*?

I got worried and came to check on him. I could hear him all the way down the hall, the way he was barking.

...! THAT DOG WASN'T RISA'S?

...saw whoever it was...

...that did this to Risa-chan.

And that means the dog...

Oh, I see. So that's why you're here...

Yes, sir.

...

And this dog belongs to you?

GRRR

...?

!!

Well, look what he did!

He sank his teeth right into my arm!

I saw Risa-chan holding him after filming, and I tried to pet him.

Ha ha ha. That's all right! He must be very shy, but he is very cute.

I'm sorry, Kumakawa-san.

Sher-dog!

ARF

Lies! I only attacked you because you killed Miss Risa!!

ARF

ARF

...

NOD

This man...

...Can think on his feet.

GRRR...

To think he'd reveal that he's been bitten, to prevent it from coming up later.

He's a more formidable opponent than I thought, Watson.

...that I am the reincarnation of Sherlock Holmes, and that I have told you the truth of this case.

But even in his dreams, he would never realize...

It's a battle of wits, Watson!!

We will find a gap in his defenses!

...And I'm ready!!

GULP...

Police!

Will you all please vacate the room!

TROMP

TROMP

I just asked Miki to get help from the front desk.

Now that I think of it... what brings *you* here, Kumakawa-san?

I asked what it was all about and now here I am. ...I couldn't just walk away.

CHAK

...I happened to come across some excitement in the lobby.

RATTLE

RATTLE

Ms. Yamada, get a hold of yourself!

Risa-chan... Risa-chan...!!

RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE...

Risa-chan, why...? Nn... hnngh...

...

Risa-chan...

...Don't worry!

GRIN

They'll catch the killer! I promise!!

Miki.

I never thought I'd actually see a murder.

TUG

Takeru... I'M scared.

It'll be okay, Producer.

Here, I have my schedule right here.

RUSTLE

Oh, man... This is going to wreak havoc with our filming schedule...I mean, I know there are other things to worry about, but...

Hey...you're right! May I see that schedule?

The Chivalrous Detective Filming Schedule

This was the only scene Risa-chan had left to film.

If we make this part into a monologue...

What is that paper?

Hmm?

Yes? What is it?

Mr. Detective.

...

What?! He got drunk and fell asleep? Well, wake him up!

SS

Hello? Yes, this is Iijima. Is the director in?

...Actually, Risa-chan and I spent a lot of time together as co-stars.

She confided in me.

We saw the scene right after the crime. If there's anything I can help you with...

We discovered the body.

Th-thank you... but...

!

I may be able to help you find the killer.

He's plotting something!

Maybe...

Is he trying to gauge how the investigation is going, or...?

Kumakawa has made a move!!

ARF!

BAM

My sister is a detective in the Violent Crimes Division!!

See? She sent me this picture when she got her assignment!

Umm, excuse me!!

Can we help, too?!

I'll just call them and make sure it's okay.

BEEP BEEP

H... have they?

Actually, my family's been a police family since my grandpa's time!

What?

7.

ARF

I know she's your sister, but how did you convince her, Watson?

HEH HEH. ^^"

I didn't. I made it up.

10

My sister told us to help out with the investigation.

You don't mind, do you, Detective?

SNAP

Well... she is in Violent Crimes...

We have a time limit.

I'll be there in an hour! You understand me, Takeru?!

I've been notified! You do everything the police tell you!

My sister's a total stickler for the rules...

...or they won't let us civilians near the scene of the crime again!

ARF!

Right! One hour!!

One hour!

ZSH

We'd better solve this by then...

...But hey, if you find the killer, you'll make the news, Kumakawa-san.

...Well, y'know.

But what a surprise. So your sister is in Violent Crimes.

What?

...Wow, you ***are*** a pro.

Ha ha ha. I don't know if I can be ***that*** helpful.

They'll be like... "The Movie detective turns real detective."

..at flipping the switch on their emotions.

I guess actors are really good...

But now you're smiling.

Just a minute ago, you saw Risa-chan and burst into tears.

Oh...I'M sorry. You just made Me think of Risa-chan sitting there, and...

...!

Ha ha... I'M hopeless. I thought...I could act cool about this...

DRIP

DRIP

Oh! Kuma-kawa-san...

Hey...stop it, Takeru! You're being rude.

DRIP

SERIOUSLY, LEAVE IT TO AN ACTOR...

W... WOW...

I'M sorry if...I made you feel un-comfortable, Wajima-kun.

I just...I want to catch the murderer so badly...

...

CREAK

We have to Make this Movie a success... for her.

I had one scene left with Risa-chan, but I think I can do it without her.

We entertainers don't usually throw our fan mail away like this.

Tokyo XXX
Kodan Talent Management
Risa Kawai-sama

I see! We'll look into it right away!

Huh...? These are...

Huh?

Detective! I found something!

...I knew it.

They're all in the same style of envelope, on the same stationery.

From a stalker...? There are so many...

What?! Are...are these...

She was worried that she made him angry, and that he'd be back for revenge!!

She made it very clear that she didn't want him there.

She said she'd gotten several letters from a stalker,

and that he came to her on location once.

Knew...? Knew what?

ARF!

All right...

I see his game, Watson!

I know what he's after!

And followed her to her hotel room?

What if the stalker found where she was,

...

PAT

...

These letters.

Are they really all from the *same* person?

You think so?

!

What do you mean?

Sure, at a glance...

...it seems like they're from the same person, because the stamps and stationery are all the same.

Look.

...They're folded into quarters, just like the others.

But look at these two.

Ah!

It's hard to tell, but I think they're folded differently.

No living creature on earth can love you as much as I do. If you won't love me, I'll kill you and die myself. Love me. Or die die die die die die die die die die die die die die die

If you won't be mine, then first I'll suck off your beautiful legs and hang them in my living room. Then

Be my pet. I am your master. Get down on all fours and beg for forgiveness. If you do, I'll feed you, put a collar around your neck, and keep you in a cage where I can see you every day.

Don't forget I am always nearby. I am always

I love you to death. I love you to death, I love you to death, I love you to death, I love you to death

Dearest Risa-chan You were crazy cute in that drama. I'm going to marry you some Heh heh, I wish.

These two were folded horizontally, then vertically, like most people would do.

But all the others were folded vertically first!!

This is the fifteenth letter I've sent you. Why won't you answer me? I've been waiting forever...

Normally, when you have portrait-oriented stationery, and you fold it into quarters...

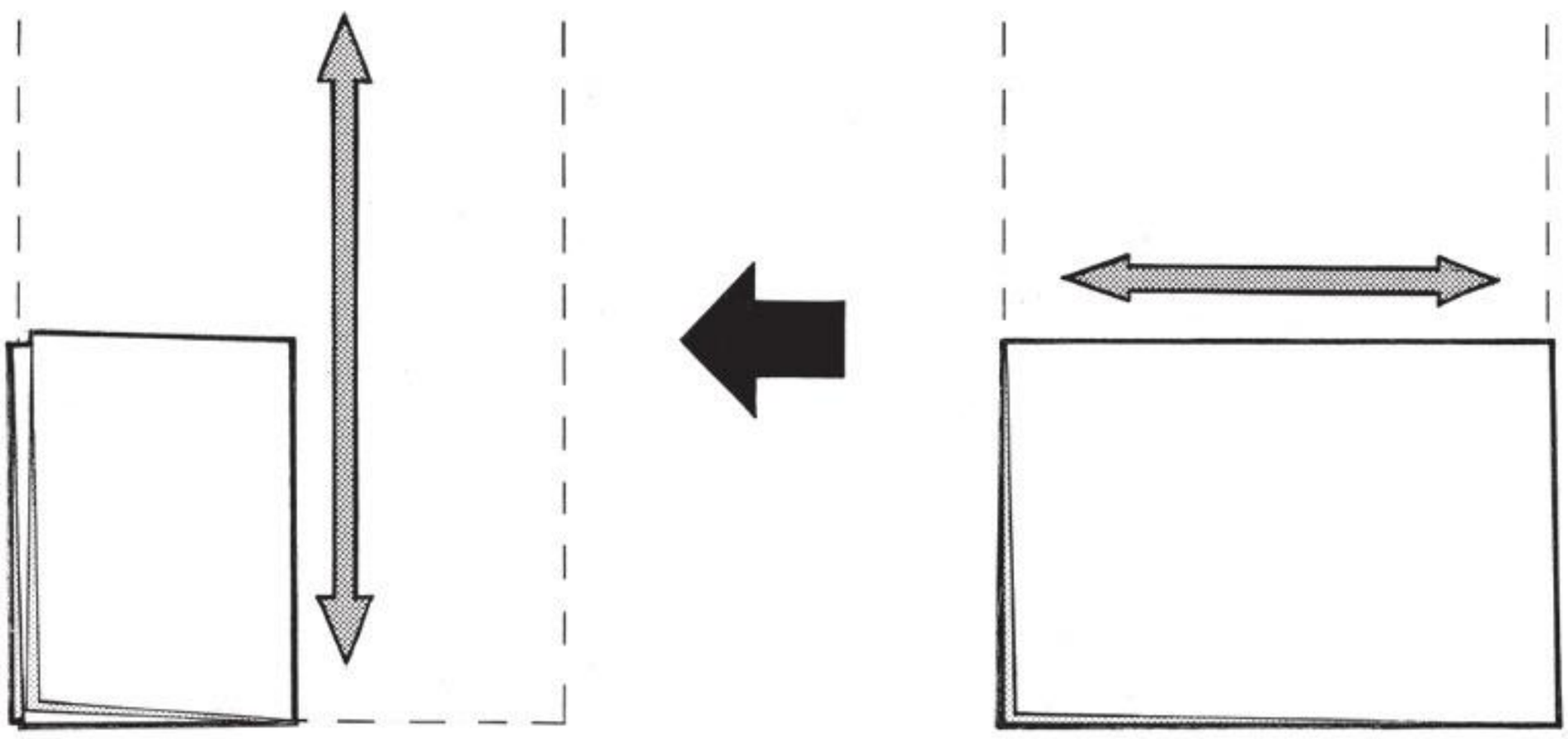
RUSTLE

TWITCH

Yup! Good eye, Miki!

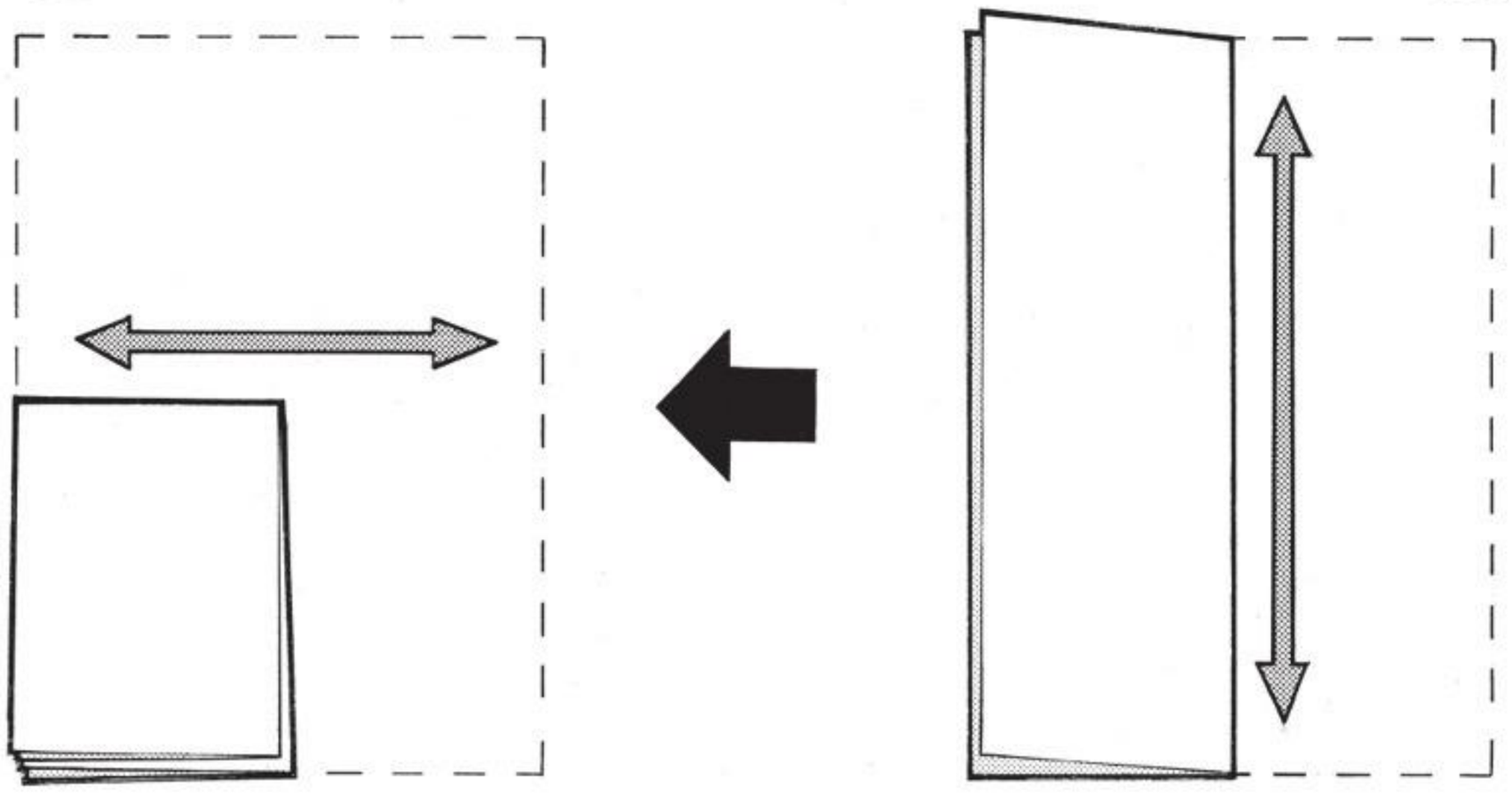
Horizontal first, then vertical—the easy way to do it.

You do it like on these two letters.



It's probably just a habit of whoever sent them.

But all the others letters are folded the other way.



But that's pretty unusual.

Don't you think?

And the content is a little more extreme.

Hmm, now that you mention it...

!

I think we can make this movie work!

Kuma-chaaan!

Oh! Can I see that?

Hikaru Akaboshi.

The Chivalrous Detective Production Schedule

MPO INVESTIGATION

MPO INVESTIGATION

This is *your* schedule, right, Kumakawa-san?

Would you look at that. It's folded the same way!

YOU...

YOU LITTLE BRAT!!

ピシ

GRIN

Folding vertically first, I mean.

Maybe it's not so unusual after all.

Case 2 ⚜ A Script for Death, Part 4

Your schedule's folded the same way.

I guess it's not that unusual after all.

SHERLOCK BONES

?!

ARF!

Right, Sherdog?

GRIN...

I don't think it's that common.

...No, I agree.

THE LITTLE BRAT!!

Huh? Yes...

you were, be mine. Then first I'll pluck off your rare beautiful legs and hang them in my living room. Then

Dearest Risa-chan, You were crazy cute in that drama. I'm going to marry you someday. Heh heh. I wish.

This is the fifteenth letter I've sent you. Why won't you answer me? I've been waiting forever...

I love you to death. I love you I love you I love you to death.

Even though these letters are so similar...

...they were actually sent by two different people?

To be honest, I don't know anyone else who folds paper this way.

So you're saying...

!

ARF!

HE KNOWS THAT TRYING TOO HARD TO DENY IT WOULD MAKE HIM LOOK SUSPICIOUS, SO HE'S DIVERTING OUR ATTENTION INSTEAD!

HE...HE STRAIGHT-UP ADMITS IT.

WHAT DO WE DO, SHERDOG?

I get it! Yes, I see now!!

!

Then the letters with the more extreme content, and which are greater in number...

I see... So if you're right, and there are *two* stalkers...

Th...that detective doesn't seem very professional.

Asking for autographs...

...

S...sure. Why don't I sign it right now?

Um... could I get your auto-graph later?

HMM... All the more reason we need to work harder to bring Miss Risa's killer to justice.

That's our Chivalrous Detective!

My wife is a big fan.

PAT

So of the two, the stalker that sent eight letters is more likely to be the Murderer!

Wh-What? What do you mean?

BAM!

Are we sure that whoever sent these letters is a stalker?!

Hold it right there!!

That can't possibly be a coincidence!!

o living creature
th can love you as
I do. If you won't
I'll kill you and
e myself.
me. Or die die
die die die die
e die die die die
e die die die die
die die die

Dearest Risa-char
You were crazy
in that drama
I'm going to
marry you some
Heh heh,
I wish.

I mean, look! The letters are way too similar for them to be from two different stalkers.

The font, the layout, stationery, stamps... they all match!!

Tokyo XXX
Kodan Talent Management
Risa Kawai-sama

Tokyo XXX
Kodan Talent Management
Risa Kawai-sama

Based on the postmarks, these eight were written *after* these two.

They were clearly meant to copy the first letters!

Just what are you trying to say?

IRK

HE ASKS TOO MANY QUES-TIONS...

So what if this crime was *not* committed by a stalker...

...But by someone using the stalker's letters...

...For a premeditated murder?

BAM

SHARP

キ!!

What do you think, Detective Akaboshi?

I mean! Kumakawa-san!

イヒ

Don't forget about that autograph.

TEE HEE

I...I suspect this detective is the type who's quick to "jump on the bandwagon," as they say.

HMMM...

...

THIS... BRAT!

I had that feeling, too.

FLIP

Now that you mention it...

PAT

Now that you mention it, I had that feeling, too.

Right, I see!

FLOP

But it seems to me that you can expect stalkers to think alike.

Ha ha ha. You have such a healthy imagination.

PAT

Th...this detective...

Doesn't he have a brain of his own?!

...

ZSH

O...okay!!

We have no choice. Keep going, Watson!!

Just a second, please! I still have my doubts!!

?!

Nippon 80

Tokyo XXX

Well...

WHOSE SIDE IS HE ON?!

He's not getting an autograph from me.

GRR! THIS DETEC-TIVE...

...!!

FLIP

Oh? What doubts?

This postmark.

Nippon 80

須戸郵
11. 11. 10. 12-18
SUTOKA

Tokyo XXX
Kodan Talent
Management
Risa Kawai-sama

Yes.

Postmark?

But these other eight letters were all sent from different places

These two letters—the ones folded horizontally first—were sent from the same area.

Now look.

Kamokawa 23. 11. 12 10-24

TAP

Tokyo XXX
Kodan Talent
Management
Risa Kawai-sam

TAP

Hibiya Hibiya 23 11. 14. 12-18

Date	Location
11/12	Kamokawa
	Ikebukuro
	Hibiya Park
	Odawara
	Seijō
11/16	
11/17	

TAP

TAP

TAP

TAP

Tokyo

Seijo 23 18-24

All of these were sent from places near location shoots.

...

I got one of these schedules, too.

RUSTLE

The stalker who did this had been following her for a long time!!

PAT

That proves it...

O...oh, you're right! Good catch! Very impressive!

...!

Y-you're right!

...

He followed Risa-chan wherever she went.

And he kept sending her these letters.

So basically, the killer...

...Managed to find her schedule somewhere.

And that he had found where she was!

These postmarks prove...

...That this person is the killer.

WHAT CAN HE MEAN?!

TWITCH

The opposite?

Are you sure? I think it proves the opposite.

And the dates and locations on the schedule.

I mean, look carefully.

The dates and places of these postmarks.

See?

If you look carefully...

Date	Location	S#	Scene	Yūji Kumakawa	Risa Kawai	Junpei Yamada	Mie Suzuki	Tomo Satō	Maiko
11/12	Kamokawa	20	Hotel	○					
		22	Café	○			○		
11/13	Ikebukuro	15	Bar				○		
		10	Subway						
		11	Train platform	○					
11/14	Hibiya Park	11	Park	○	○	○			
		15	Restaurant	○	○				
11/15	Odawara	10	Restaurant	○	○				
		20	Café						
11/16	Seijōa	10	Sidewalk		○				
		15	Apartment complex	○	○				
11/17	Suzuka	12	Sidewalk	○					
	Saitama New Urban Center	20							

Nippon 80

Kamokawa 23. 11. 12 18-24

Hibiya 23. 11. 14. 12-18 HIBIYA

Seijo 23. 11. 16. 18-24

Totokyo Kodan Ma

To Kod Ma Ris

Tokyo XXX Kodan Talent Management Risa Kawai-s

This was not the right location to find her.

Yūji Kumakawa

Risa Kawai

Junpei Yamada

Mie Suzuki

Tomo Satō

20 Hotel

22 Café

If he wanted to see Risa-chan,

YOU...

You're right!

What?

Risa-chan isn't in any of these scenes.

...

...

See? This one, too. And here.

So we look at all the locations that match the postmarks,

Then see which of the actors went to all of them...

The scene where Detective Akaboshi faces off against the real killer.

Nippon

Suzuka 23. 11. 25 18-24

日本郵便

There were only two actors staying at that location.

The actress playing the killer, and Akaboshi himself.

Risa Kawai

Junpei Yamada

Mie Suzuki

Tomo

SQUEAK

Here, too.

SQUEAK

SQUEAK

And look here...

SQUEAK

...

Yūji Kumakawa

Kumakawa-san.

And we find only one.

W...Well, I *am* the main character!

...

Of course I was at almost every location...

B-DMP

...

...

Just one more push, and we've got him corne—

Yeah!

...Has started to suspect that Kumakawa might be stretching the stalker angle a bit too far.

Well done, Watson! Finally, the bandwagon-riding detective...

?!

ARF!

!!

Sorry I'm late!

I'm Wajima, from the Violent Crimes Division.

CLACK

CLACK

CLACK

CRAP, IT'S MY SISTER!

How... how'd you get here so fast?!

!?

ARF

Oh! Irene!♡

...?!

I-I wasn't... Anyway, let me tell you everything we've found out...

Takeru! You better not be tampering with the crime scene!

Traffic was better than I expected.

GRIND

GRIND

ZOOM

ZOOM

...?

No! I don't want to hear from civilians!!

...

SMILE

N-no way! Yūji Kumakawa... san?

SQUEEZE

Yes, I'M Kumakawa! I'M pleased to make your acquaintance... Wajima-san.

K...KIND OF.

WATSON... HAS IRENE ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT?

BLUSH

O-oh no! I can never wash this hand!

I...I'm a big fan...

I said it...

DISAPPOINTED

Takeru-chan! ♡

Huh? "Chan"?

She's... obviously on Kumakawa's side here.

We almost had him...

SQUEE

Yes, of course! Sometimes I use your work to get ideas for my investigations!

SQUEE

This is a pleasant surprise! To think a detective from the Violent Crimes Division would actually be a fan of Detective Akaboshi!

HA HA HA!

SHUT

UM... Takeru...?

GRR! YOU JUST WANNA GET CLOSE TO KUMAKAWA!!

SHOCK

We don't need three of the same testimony!

We only need *one* witness around here!!

SHOO! SHOO!

If we don't some-thing...

Takeru. Is there anything I can do to help?

The More I thought... it Might be him.

To be honest... the More I listened to you,

!

...Do you think... Kumakawa-san did it?

Huh? What is it, Miki?

What...do *you* think, Miki?

...

...Not that I think anyone would go after *you*.

H...hey! What's that supposed to mean?

G'night!

GRIN

...It'll be okay.

Just...Make sure to lock your door before you go to sleep.

A battle with a criminal always depends on chance.

I don't know.

Do you think we can beat him, Sherdog?

So, I know I said it'd be okay, but...

However...

STOP

What?!

Luck was always on my side!

A hundred years ago,

...that the killer is Yūji Kumakawa!!

We will prove beyond the shadow of a doubt...

We've only just begun to fight!

Yeah!!

Sherdog...!!

Sherlock Bones

We took your advice, Kumakawa-san.

And we're going to follow the stalker lead.

We'll have to start by asking around to see if we can find a witness.

...

Case 2 ⚜ A Script for Death, Part 5

SHERLOCK BONES

Uh...um... Kumakawa-san, can I ask you a favor?

B-DMP

I...I will!

Of course!

B-DMP

Yes, anything.

SQUEEZE

B-DMP

I hope you arrest the monster that did this to Risa-chan!

All right, Detective Wajima.

U-ugh. Irene's completely taken with him.

Yeah. She may be super straight-laced, but she's a total fangirl.

M-Me?! I'M flat-tered...

Of course! Let me tell you how surprised I am to meet such a beautiful detective.

I'd love to make you my co-star.

Um...can I...take my picture with you?

I'm a long-time fan.

...

What is she doing?

...

Huh?

Say cheese!

CLICK

AHEM.

Yes, Ma'am!

Now, Detective Onda. Use My phone... please.

...
!
Let me switch it to save on the memory card.
CLICK
カチ カチ
CLICK
Not enough memory. Delete photo?
What? Here...
Your phone's memory is full.
RUMMAGE RUMMAGE
And... there.
OH WELL. I'LL JUST USE THIS...
OH! OH NO...
That reminds me...
Memory card...
If that's true...
...!
You see, Watson...
What's up, Sherdog?
WHISPER

But if we can...

Quite so!

I'd like some-thing more definitive!

...then it might still be possible...

...to establish a motive!

I wouldn't want any-thing to happen to you on the way. I'll escort you.

Th-thank you!

Score! ...I mean...

I'm going to go down to the set and run through tomorrow's scenes.

Here's my email address. If anything happens...

Well, I don't think I'll be getting any sleep tonight.

I was...!!

GASP

Before it hap-pened, I...

...

Remember the scene of the crime!

Ugh, sis. Don't you realize ***he's*** the killer...?

Hey! Sherdogz?!

That's it!! Perhaps it's still...

Come with Me, Watson!!

BAM

KACHAK

TUG

Just turn it slowly, and...

CATCH!

Good! I got the handle!

!

A wet towel...I can use that...

GLANCE GLANCE

Yes... I was in the bathroom...

Grr! I have to get out of here!

Then...

I'M sorry!!

DASH

Ah! Hey!!

...on the table.

I saw it...

Hikaru Akaboshi:
The Chivalrous Detective

TWITCH

!

Sherdog! What's gotten into you?!

POING

TEP

TEP

TEP

This was here when...!!

This!

B-but there's just this one thing I needed to check...

You know you're not supposed to be in here!!

GRIND GRIND

FLAIL FLAIL

YOINK

Takeru!

DON'T RUN AROUND THE TABLE!

OH, NO, SHER-DOG!

...!

Airin-nēchan!

Risa-chan's script!!

Did it have a hand print on it?!

Hikaru Akaboshi: The Chivalrous Detective

BAM

ARF!!

ARF!!

A cocoa-covered hand print.

And, sure enough, right there.

She was attacked while she was reading over her last scene.

...Yes. She was supposed to be filming tomorrow morning.

FLIP FLIP

The script was open to that scene...

IT'S JUST LIKE SHERDOG SAID.

THAT HAND PRINT!

ARF!! ARF

IT'S NOT ALL THERE...

IT GETS CUT OFF!!

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Hotel Room (night)

Akaboshi invites Ayaka to sit on the couch.
She is discouraged.

Ayaka:
"Don't tell me you think I'm the killer. You've gone too far, Akaboshi-san. This is outrageous."

Akaboshi sips his cocoa.

Ayaka:
"What?"

Akaboshi:
"How long are you going to keep pretending?"

Ayaka:
"What? You know everything, I know you're willing to do anything to protect your real mother."

Akaboshi:
"You don't know her."

Ayaka takes her coat and stands.

Ayaka:
"I know that you framed Akaboshi-san and I know that you did it. I know everything. I know you really did it. You're willing to do anything to protect yourself to the end."

Ayaka takes her coat and stands.

Akaboshi:
"You don't know anything about me."

Ayaka:
"Don't tell me you think I'm the killer. You've gone too far, Akaboshi-san. This is outrageous."

Akaboshi sips his cocoa.

Ayaka:
"What?"

Akaboshi:
"How long are you going to keep pretending?"

Ayaka:
"What? You know everything, I know you're willing to do anything to protect your real mother."

Akaboshi:
"You don't know her."

Ayaka takes her coat and stands.

Akaboshi:
"The sun is rising."

Ayaka loses it.
Akaboshi walks slowly to the windowsill.

"Stop it!"
"You're trying to protect your real mother."
"Noooo!"

"There was a time when you were very young."
"I know someone who has her back. She's your--"

Akaboshi:
"The sun is rising."

EVERYTHING IS GOING SWIMMINGLY, THANKS TO THAT FANGIRL DETECTIVE, WAJIMA.

HEH HEH...

KACHAK

ALTHOUGH HER BROTHER WAS GETTING A LITTLE TOO NOSY FOR HIS OWN GOOD.

D... DOESN'T HE EVER GIVE UP...?

...

I just had one more thing to ask you...

!!

Hello!!

Or rather, her text messages.

It's about Risa-chan...

What happened? This place is supposed to be off-limits.

Can it wait until tomorrow?

SMILE...

Wajima-kun... right?

...When I first saw the murder scene...

Actually...

...What about them?

!

To hide his motive.

No, I think the killer erased all the evidence.

And? Did you find anything?

I thought maybe if I looked at her phone, I could find out the killer's motive.

...I sneaked a peek at Risa-chan's text messages.

Well...

Maybe there was nothing there to begin with.

HMM...but how do you know it was deleted?

RUMMAGE RUMMAGE

Wow. You're a detective's little brother, all right.

Maybe we can figure that out...

...If we check out this micro SD memory card.

It was in her camera.

What?!

...I mean, that's what I heard from the police.

...Huh? She didn't have one of those in her phone.

It's not from her phone.

I thought there was something weird about it.

I mean, Risa-chan is a celebrity, and she uploads tons of pictures to her blog.

It doesn't make any sense that her phone would *not* have a memory card...y'know?

The memory on her phone would fill up in no time!

RISA-RISA BLOG.

Put it in an adapter, and used it for the camera.

So she took the memory card out of her phone,

Adapter

I bet Risa-chan was trying to take pictures with her camera,

And then she realized she forgot to put a card in it.

It shouldn't take them long to figure out which texts on the memory card were deleted from the phone!

If we give this to the police to investi-gate,

Text history recorded on both the phone and the card.

I used my phone to see what was on the card, and it looks like she has back-ups of her texts!

Certain texts were erased from the phone

All texts remain on the card

WHY YOU LITTLE...!!

GRIT...

And of course, those texts would have something pointing to a motive.

I'M sure the police will agree!

PSST

SHERDOG. DO YOU THINK HE'S GOING TO CONFESS?

No... He has some-thing else in Mind...

GRR...

Risa-chan told Me all about it.

She was best friends With My ex-girlFriend. ...They... texted about Me a lot.

I'll tell you the truth.

Huh?!

CREAK

So...have you given it to the police yet?

Not yet... But...

Okay.

HE COULDN'T COMPLETELY ERASE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THEY WOULD RE-STORE AND READ THE DELETED TEXTS.

HE KNEW THAT NO MATTER HOW MANY PSYCHOLOGI-CAL TRICKS HE USED TO KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE PHONE,

HE HAD AN EXCUSE PREPARED FROM THE VERY BE-GINNING!

In the end... she killed herself.

My ex... was always jumping to conclusions. She decided I had abandoned her.

She didn't want there to be a scandal between us as co-stars...so she erased the texts. I watched her do it.

But Risa-chan knew it was a misunder-standing.

THE JERK...!!

They might still be on that memory card, but the police have a duty of confidentiality.

The texts don't have anything to do with the case, so I don't think they'll ever go public.

GRIT

Use our secret weapon!!

Watson.

Just stop pretending... Kumakawa-san.

You didn't want Risa-chan to expose your scandal—she knew you drove Ami Takahara to suicide.

And she was going to tell the world. So you killed her!!

...No!

BAM

It's not what you think! I wouldn't kill a woman over that!

Don't tell me you'd actually accuse me of murder just because I fold paper the same way as a stalker.

...I knew you suspected me.

フッ…

SIGH...

This hand-print on Risa-chan's script!!

I have more solid proof.

55

When the killer attacked, she put her hand down here.

...

Right in the Middle of these two pages.

...

Something was here... on top of this script!

Look care-fully.

The handprint is cut off...

So?

When Risa-chan's hand slammed down on top of it...

...It left a print on her script

And on whatever was on top of it.

Just like if you put a stamp over two pieces of paper.

Kumakawa-san.

...

...Your script?

Will you let me see...

WHOOSH

...

...Yes.

...You can see it.

CREAK

...

Hikaru Akaboshi:
The Chivalrous Detective

I don't think it will tell you much.

But I just spilled cocoa all over it.

I just spilled cocoa all over my script.

Hikaru Akaboshi: *The Chivalrous Detective*

As you can see,

...it would be gone now.

RUSTLE

Even if there *were* a print on it...

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OF COURSE I NOTICED RISA'S HAND-PRINT.

HEH HEH HEH... FOOL...

...

NONE OF YOUR AMATEURISH REASONING...

...WILL GET PAST DETECTIVE AKABOSHI.

AND JUST IN CASE SOMEBODY CAME SNIFFING AROUND, I SPILLED COCOA ON IT MYSELF.

COCOA

SS

I have scene changes to rehearse.

CLATTER

So...would you kindly leave me alone?

GRIN

Arf!!

Found it!

Hikaru Akaboshi:

Chivalrous

What I wanted to see, Kumakawa-san...

TWITCH

?!

You were supposed to be reading lines together, right?

Kumakawa-san...When you came to kill Risa-chan,

The last scene you and Risa-chan were supposed to film together!!

...Wasn't the ***cover.*** It was the ***inside!***

...!!

...Hey, come on.

That's where she put her hand. And then...

...had her script open to that scene.

So Risa-chan...

How many times do I have to tell you? I didn't kill her.

That's enough...

IRK...

SHE WAS READING IT ALONE!!

IF SHE WAS READING HER SCRIPT,

ヒル

WINCE

Now...

You've hit a nerve.

...Hold your ground, Watson.

B-DMP

B-DMP

B-DMP

B-DMP

It's time to hit him with the truth!!

GRIT

HIM!

BAM

...An accident?

Y...yes!

SKFF

SKFF

Kumakawa-san! The fact is, before you started running lines...

...There was a little accident!!

And **he** knocked it over!

What about it?

...The dog?

Risa-chan was drinking some hot cocoa.

But...

...He ran all over the table.

SS

TWITCH

Then, with his paws covered in the stuff...

So you opened up to the last scene.

You came up behind her and attacked.

You wanted Risa-chan to think you were getting ready to read the script.

Hikaru Akaboshi: The Chivalrous Detective

...you didn't notice.

As you did, you took your open script...

FWOOSH

...On the coffee table.

And put it down...

IT'S IMPOS-SIBLE...

NO...

B-DMP

Then,

B-DMP...

B-DMP...

...Risa-chan put her hand down over both your scripts.

As she struggled for breath...

B-DMP...

B-DMP...

B-DMP...

B-DMP...

When she did...

THMP...

THMP...

...were still wet.

...Sherdog's footprints...

THMP...

THMP...

THMP...

They were left all over your script.

Akaboshi: "So I was right."

Ayaka: "……"

Akaboshi: "There on your left hand [illegible]

[illegible]

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Hotel Room (night)

Akaboshi invites Ayaka to sit on the couch. She is discouraged.

Ayaka: "Don't tell me you think I'm the killer.

You've really gone too far, Akaboshi-san. This is outrageous."

Unruffled, Akaboshi sips his cocoa.

Akaboshi: "…How long are you going to keep defending a criminal?"

Ayaka: "……"

Akaboshi: "Why? You know she's only using you."

Ayaka: "You don't know anything."

Ayaka takes her cocoa and attempts to throw it at him.

And as you can see,

Solid proof. If I take it to the police...

...They'll find a perfect match with the pawprints on the table!!

SHUT

CHILL

...!!

You can't talk your way out of this!

No more excuses!

Watson!! Watch out!!

!

So go turn yourself in...

LUNGE

WHAM

?!

GH GH GH GH

IN A FIT OF RAGE, HE STRANGLED THE INNOCENT PRODUCTION ASSISTANT...

HE SAW YOU WALKING AROUND WITH RISA'S SCRIPT.

HE TRIED TO TAKE IT. THERE WAS A STRUGGLE...

S... STOP...

NGH...

I'M CHANGING THE SCRIPT.

GH GH GH

THE STALKER RETURNED TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME, WHERE HE RAN INTO YOU.

COUGH

...Whew.

I told you.

See, Airin-nēchan?

No... You...

N...

To catch me in the act?

That was your plan all along?

レニっ...

GRIN...

Yūji Kumakawa!!

Get away from him.

...!!

CLINK

You're under arrest!!

Grr...!

...and as a suspect in the Murder of Risa Kawai.

Yūji Kumakawa. I'M taking you in for attempted Murder...

...

Let's go!!

WHEW

ほ

ー

...have you sus-pected me?

How long...

Will you... tell Me one thing...?

...

Takeru... kun, was it?

...I knew it was you all along.

The dog... Heh heh...

...

If only I had noticed those paw-prints...

He saw you kill her!

SMIRK

Because *he* saw it.

All...all along...?

But why...?

But now it's canceled, right?

Because you killed Risa-chan.

You were supposed to film that scene tomorrow.

Oh! About that, Kumakawa-san!

...the scene you theoretically were reading over last night.

Hikaru Alabo shi: The Chinatown Detective

So you never needed to look at...

You wouldn't have wanted to look at a scene that you were supposed to act out with a woman you'd killed.

That's why you never opened the script to that page after the murder, and that's how we got you.

In other words...

...some-
where
inside you.

Maybe we
were able to
catch you...

...because
there's
still some
humanity..

...TO HIRE
AN UP-
START
LIKE
YOU?

SERIOUSLY,
WHOSE IDEA
WAS IT...

...HEH
HEH...

Ow!!

I under-
estimated
you!

Takeru!

SLAM

...

Take
him
in.

Yes, In-
spector!!

And about the cocoa on the script.

You really surprised me when you told me about finding a motive in her camera.

Besides, this development should help us in the future. You've truly done well, Watson!!

GRIN ニカッ

Just accept the compliments, Watson.

She wouldn't believe you if you told her I helped.

Uh, no...I didn't...

チラ GLANCE

Here I thought that, for somebody from a police family...

...You were pretty unreliable and empty-headed. I guess I was wrong.

You're not the only one with a famous police detective for a grandfather!!

Heh heh. Yeah, well!

ARF!

Ami Takahara *didn't* kill herself?

What?!

But my sister says Kumakawa killed her.

...That's right, Miki. It's not in the news yet.

Then he panicked and sent out a ton of text messages to make it look like a suicide.

She wanted to break up, but it didn't go so well. He snapped and pushed her down the emergency staircase.

So she kept going after Kumakawa to get him to tell her what really happened.

Risa-chan thought something wasn't right about it.

So if this hadn't happened, no one ever would have ever suspected anything different.

But there really are a lot of suicides and stuff in show business...

Wow... that's awful.

...

I Mean, if it was really suicide, he wouldn't have needed to kill Risa-chan to hide it.

Looks like it.

Is... is that true?

Hm..

RUSTLE...

Huh?

Don't go into show business.

Don't do it, Miki.

...

Takeru...

PERK

Oho?

...

I...I won't.

BLUSH

!!

You're nowhere near...

I mean, that gravitas I saw in those giant racks at the shoot.

You're worried about me.

You just don't have what it takes to be a pro!

Don't tell me that was *you*, Sherdog!

Sh-shut up! ...Ew! I stepped in crap!!

ARF!

I would never!

You never learn, do you, Watson?

Erk! I didn't mean it like that!

SKFF

SKFF

SKFF

SKFF

SKFF

Well, excuse me for being amateur-sized!

Never mind. I don't want to talk about it.

Cats are related to lions, which have a habit of carefully observing the savannah as they do their business...

I ***deduce*** that this was done by a ***cat!***

You would never see a ***normal dog***, let alone an English gentleman, doing that in the Middle of the sidewalk!

ARF

ARF

ARF

ARF

ARF

Man, I can't believe I had to leave campus to get myself some lunch.

Everybody *else* brought their lunch so they'd be here for the physical exams this afternoon.

Oh, stop complaining, Watson.

London Academy High School

RATTLE RATTLE

カラカラ…

SHERLOCK BONES

Coffee Time 1: ☕
Doctor Chikamatsu's Collection (Beginning)

Hee hee hee...

It's not My fault the lady of the house wouldn't send you with enough lunch for the both of us.

DROP

Ah! Your pipe...

CLANG

ROLL ROLL

ARF!

No!

I can't talk to Watson without My pipe!

Ha ha!

POING

What are you doing, Sherdog?

Z!

SCREEE

Sherdog!
Watch out!!

WHOOSH

HUFF HUFF

You!!

Y...you okay, Sherdog?

KREE

ROLL ROLL...

Why did you jump out like that?!

Give me your name and school year!

Takehiko Chikamatsu (48)
Doctor (hired by school)

ドロロ

How can you bring that filthy mutt to school on a health exam day?! It's unheard of!!!

VROOOM

Wha...?!

Filthy?!

And you're supposed to drive *slow* in a school zone!

Didn't you see the stop sign?

QUIET!!

Yeah! Yeah!

ARF ARF

?!

MRK

...Why the interrogation?!

ARF

HMM. He smelled of *DISINFECTANT*... I deduce that he is A *DOCTOR*.

And an insolent one at that.

ARF

ARF

What's his problem?! Getting mad at *Me!*

What's my pet got to do with his driving?!

なんだよ

WHAT A JERK!

Man, I'm in a bad mood.

And we have our physicals today! They're gonna weigh us!

Ugh!

SQUEE

SQUEE

RATTLE

!

TUG

Oh, no! I totally just ate my lunch!

月 国語 社会 古典 数学 選A 総学

ピーッ

DUN!

Whoa!

Oh! Takeru! I got something to show you!

C'MERE!

RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE

はっ GASP

P...Paris Girls' High...

The school of rich girls...

STAAARE

This is inexcusable!

Those uniforms... Is this high school affiliated with Paris Women's College?

Shh!

What is this...? "Voyeurs' Photo Board"?

GLANCE

I-It's not like that! I was just thinking that we'd better be careful. It looks like those pictures were taken in the middle of their physical exams!

?!

What are you staring at, pervert?!

RAR RAR

HMPH

Boys, out in the hall!

Hey! We're starting your physicals!

SLUMP...

がっくり...

THIS IS ONE OF THE WORST DAYS OF MY LIFE.

THIS SUCKS...

GASP!

I left Sherdog in My school bag!!

Huh?

I feel like I'M forgetting something...

ARF ARF!

ARF!

Watson! You forgot to take Me with you!

H... hello?

TODAY IS REALLY NOT MY DAY.

ガラっ

RATTLE

Sherdo...

...og—

I...I can't come out now!

Note: He's an English gentleman.

THIS... IS THE WORST DAY EVER.

Mm-hm.

CLACK CLACK

コツ コツ

Chikamatsu-sensei... The girls' classroom is this way.

Get out!!!

Peeping Tom!!

Aaaahh! Pervert!

KAPOP

ボコ

BONK

WHAP

HOO HEH HEH HEH

D...DON'T... DON'T TELL ME...

...HE'S GOING TO DO THE GIRLS' PHYSICALS?

EEEK!

EW-WWW!

AAAHH!! THAT GUY!

DUN

Settle down!

Get in line!!

Ah ha ha ha.

OMG!

...

Really?! Oh, Miki...

I have to go get a vaccine from him on my way home.

He's the doctor from the clinic near the school.

カタ カタ...

TAPPA TAPPA

PSST PSST

He's scary!

I hate that doctor. ...

Foolish females...

Hmph!

I will expose you to undying shame!!

CLICK カシャ

CLICK カシャ

CLICK カシャ

TAPPA カタ TAPPA カタ...

London High School Second Year Girls (D)

Seat Number
Date of Birth
Name (Furigana)
Name
Blood Type

Name

A1

A2

It's time...

...Okay.

Now turn around.

...

LEER ニヤ...

FLASH

Voyeurs' Photo Board

Name:

Email:

Subject:

SMIRK

UM... sensei?

CLICK

...to create my alibi!

...

I know!

I think she has a vaccination appointment today.

?

I'M ready...

...!

Oho...well if it isn't Miki Arisaka. She comes by my clinic from time to time.

Now!

What...?

Now take off your shirt.

She's a pretty little thing! I'll give her special treatment and post her name with the photo!

Voyeurs
from all over the country will be after her...heh heh heh...

Takeruuuu!!

Hm?

Look, look! What do you make of it?

STOMP

STOMP

Ack!

You're **still** looking at that stuff?!

xxxxxx [2011/xx/

:03:25

DUN

Th...these are...

...What?!

☆★☆ Here's a Preview lol ★☆★

Look for the whole selection tonight at zero hour!!!

Some creep is taking photos...

Right? That's gotta be Mizuki and Fujisaki!

That means...

BAM

I-I'll go tell a teacher!

...OF OUR SCHOOL'S PHYSICAL EXAMS!!

SHUT...

ﾘﾛﾘｭ...

That went well... Heh heh...

Mm-hm.

We've completed all the physicals. I'll go report to the school nurse.

Chika-Matsu-sensei.

Will all students and faculty please remain on campus.

Emergency school broadcast. Emergency school broadcast.

We are putting the school on emergency lock-down. We appreciate your cooperation.

SS...

WRIGGLE

Whew. Now I can finally escape this bag.

HM?

SKFF

SKFF

That's...!!

Then the photos we saw at lunchtime...

...were **his** dirty work!

MUTTER MUTTER...

ゴゴゴゴ...

...Kids these days. Looking at that stuff at school.

Could someone have seen my preview already?

TCH.

This doesn't look good...

I will bring him to justice at once!!

The fiend... he is a disgrace to the medical profession.

SQUIRM

ゴキ

...

Miki Arisaka

I know...

After that announce-ment, I could be in trouble...

!

TCP

Now's my chance...

...

...

I saw him hide a camera in his medical bag.

Positive.

Are you **sure**, Sherdogz?!

This isn't funny!

...and put a stop to this immediately!

GRIT

We have to grab this Chikamatsu by the tail...

So if we don't catch him...

...he'll post naked pictures of Miki on the internet.

Medical scoundrel...

ARF!

...But!

Of course we do!

He was busy examining patients.

And how did he post them on the internet?

...While his camera was so far from his person?

How did he take those pictures...

Astounding! You can do that?

ARF!

Science has come a long way!

I have an idea how he could have posted to his forums.

All he had to do was...

...

Sigh... One hundred years can really change a world...

!

I think he had the camera on a timer that was set to keep taking pictures the whole time.

So how can we get answers from that stuck-up, ornery doctor?

Not to worry!

ARF!

If we let Chikamatsu outside the school, he'll probably get rid of the evidence.

And then it's game over... Nude Miki will be all over the internet.

But in exchange for these modern world conveniences, we see an increase in the villains who abuse them.

No kidding!

What are we gonna do, Takeru?

I can grant you that piece of wisdom. All you need to do is...

GRR...

O-oh! I get it!!

WOBBLE

WOBBLE

フラフラ

Miki.

Someone was sneaking pictures of us?

I heard from one of the teachers.

...What?

R...really?

And I need your help!

I know who did it!

GRIN

Don't worry!

Okay, time to face the criminal, Sherdog!!

Yes, let's go!

Judging from this angle...

I'm so sorry to have brought you into this, Chikamatsu-sensei.

ペコペコ

BOW

BOW

They even have a picture of me performing the exam.

...This is deplorable.

You think so?

Hey, no kidding! I mean...it's just as you say, sir.

You can see it's ajar.

...I would say the photos were taken from the hall through that ventilation door.

W... Wajima?

Was someone really taking pictures from there?

But some-thing's weird about it.

Well, yeah, that's true about the angle.

What are you trying to say? That is the **only** place to get pictures at that angle.

...You're that student I ran into earlier—the one without the sense to leave his dog at home.

There was a bag in the way. I couldn't see it.

No.

Did you notice the ventilation door open during your physical?

Miki.

TWITCH

Chika-Matsu-sensei's Medical bag!!

What? A bag?

Yes, sir!

You don't have to be a genius to figure out that the bag would be in the picture.

How could anyone have taken such clear pictures from the hallway?

If Miki's right and you couldn't see the opening in the door because of the bag,

Why bother?

Move it back after taking the pictures?

...

The photographer probably moved the bag to take the picture, then moved it back.

...What?

IRK...

Takeru...

It's the least they could do to prevent discovery.

But that doesn't make sense, either.

He would have closed the door, too, right?

If the photographer was that careful,

Meddling kid!!

Grr...

SHERLOCK BONES

Wouldn't he have closed the door before he left?

GRIT...

...Little brat!

Meddling...

If the photographer was as careful as you say,

HUH?

...Oh, I remember.

HMPH

Coffee Time 1: Doctor Chikamatsu's Collection (Conclusion)

You! Arisaka-kun, was it?

You have an appoint-ment with me to get a vaccination today...?

Uh! Yes, sir!

I figured as much.

When it was my turn to be examined.

Yes, sir, it was a little bit after the physicals started.

When did you see my medical bag sitting there?

But I'm pretty sure you were sitting in the same place the whole time...

Huh?

The photos must have been taken after that.

After that I went to get some supplies from my bag.

I think I moved it over a little in the process.

It stands to reason that you would not be looking at me, either!

...yes, sir...

You strip down to your underwear during the exam. You wouldn't want to be seen more than necessary, correct?

W... well...

Yes, sir.

ZOOM

HMM? You say you were watching me the entire time? I doubt it.

IT'S A LOGICAL ARGUMENT. WHAT DO WE DO?

ARGH!

...!

AM I mistaken?

!

?!

ARF!

What's odd?

MRK

...Right! Thanks, Sherdog!!

But... that's a little odd, don't you think?

Normally you'd leave it near your feet, wouldn't you?

Why would you specifically leave your bag on the opposite side of the room?

If you have supplies in your bag that you need to get during a physical,

These things happen.

Oh!

That's just where I happened to leave it before the exams started.

That's a good point. That is weird.

PSST

PSST

That...

But you just said you only moved it over a little.

I...I didn't think to take it with me at the time.

But then, when you went to go get your supplies...

...Wouldn't you have brought the whole bag back with you?

Chikamatsu-sensei!

Wha—?!

TWITCH

What are you implying?

I'm implying that I think *you* were the photo-grapher.

You can't make out any of his features.

You can see some of Chika-Matsu-sensei.

He's wearing black-rimmed glasses and a mask over his face.

Take a look at this photo.

W... Wajima ...

KAPOP

See that doctor in the background?

FWIP

By the way,

This picture was taken at Paris Girls' High School.

Does it look like ChikaMatsu-sensei to anyone else?

You weren't wearing glasses, were you?

But when I saw you in your car this morning,

...

Is it?

But it's just a coinci-dence.

W-Well, that certainly is me.

...!

What?!

You... you're right!!

TWITCH
TWITCH
ピクピク

Am I wrong, Chikamatsu-sensei?

This—!

Are you sure it's not a disguise?

You wouldn't want to have your face on the internet when the pictures go live.

So you made a simple disguise with the black-rimmed glasses and face mask.

I need glasses when I attend to my patients!!

My eyes aren't what they used to be!

What about the glasses?

This is preposterous! I only wear a mask because I don't want to catch anything from the students!

!

But you never wear glasses at your clinic, right?

Chika-Matsu-sensei!

Have you all for-gotten?

RUMMAGE

W... wait!

...

...

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How could I have uploaded them if I was in the middle of an exam?

BAM

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The pictures were posted online while I was busy with the students!

But how did I post those pictures to that forum?!

You hid a digital camera in your medical bag...

...And set it to take pictures automatically at timed intervals.

ARF

He used the trick you told me about!

Get him, Watson!!

NOD

If you left a laptop open during the physicals, it would receive all the pictures.

You can buy memory cards

That use a Wi-Fi connection to automatically send pictures to a computer.

I wouldn't have been able to remove the camera from the bag during an exam,

Let alone post its pictures on the inter-net.

Yes you would!

Then, when you had a free second, you could post them to the forum!

Wait!!

I don't have to take this!! If you'll excuse me!!

BAM

...Grr!!

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☆★☆Here's a Preview for the whole selection

It **was** a little weird that the poster would go to the trouble to post one picture as a "preview."

But if you did it just to create an alibi, suddenly it makes sense.

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GRIT

...

RUM-MAGE

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Have it your way!!

BAM

Before you go, could we take a look inside your bag?

Uh...

Huh...?

That's impossible! Look harder, Watson!!

ARF!

ARF!

It...

It's not here.

MURMUR

Search me all you like.

Go ahead.

I know! Check his clothes.

I...I can't find it...

BAM

If I were behind this, I doubt I would leave campus without taking all the evidence with me.

Maybe he heard the PA and hid it in the classroom?

PAT PAT

...It's not on him!

What did you do? You sly devil...

グルルルル...

GRRR...

Then you wouldn't be able to get it back.

G... good point.

You've accused the school's doctor of voyeurism.

What are you going to do about this, hmm?

Grr!

...

IF WE COULD JUST LOOK AT HIS COMPUTER...

DAMN IT...!!

I...I'M sorry...

GH GH GH GH

I'M SURE THE PICTURES ARE STILL THERE!

...!

T... Takeru ...

HAH!

I deserve an apology!!

WHAM!

!!

If you still don't find it, have your teachers comb the school.

Send the girls home, then check all the boys' belongings.

Vice Principal, the photographer is sure to be one of the boys at this school.

Y-yes, sir. We'll do that.

CLACK

CLACK—CLACK

...?

SS

That will do.

...

Think about what you've done.

WHERE IS THE CAMERA ?!

DAMMIT.

IF I CAN'T FIND IT, MIKI'S NAKED PICTURES WILL END UP ON THE WEB!

I'm glad he forgave you so quickly, Takeru.

Maybe he's nicer than he looks.

...Not a chance.

You'd better get your things together and go home, Arisaka-kun.

Y... yes, sir.

Now if you'll excuse me.

GRIN

Sherdog?

I've got it, Watson!

ARF!

...?

What would that be?

We're looking for an item that would be brought to the school, then, once used, would not be opened again until it has been taken home.

Here's a little quiz for you.

Luckily, that flash of bold inspiration saved me from disaster.

KNOCK KNOCK

CREAK...

That was close. That Wajima brat... he's smarter than I gave him credit for.

Chikamatsu Clinic

Thank you for seeing me.

I'm sorry about what my friend said today.

Sensei, Arisaka-san is here for her appointment.

Now's my chance. ...Good.

Nurse, take this patient to the examination room and take her temperature.

Huh...?

Hmm? Your face is a little red. ...Do you have a fever?

Yes, doctor.

SMIRK...

Oh, leave your bag there.

No, no, it's quite all right.

Yes, sir.

...Is take my camera back.

All I have to do...

RUM-MAGE...

SHE WOULDN'T HAVE HAD TIME TO TAKE HER THINGS HOME FIRST.

MY CLINIC IS BE-TWEEN HER SCHOOL AND HER HOME.

Heh heh heh...

Z!

Wh... what the—z!

Wah!

SN-SNAP

Y...you...!

Smile! ♡ You're on Candid Camera!

POING

Whoa! S... stop it!

Say cheese for the remote control! ♡

SNAP

SN-SNAP

CLICK

CLICK

!

The camera in that bento box belongs to our school's newspaper.

...

You didn't want to her to get scared of you and skip out on her vaccine appointment.

I thought it was weird that you acted so considerate—so nice—to Miki on your way out.

You had to have some reason for that.

But you specifically told the vice principal to send the **girls** home, and keep the boys at school.

So there was a pretty strong possibility that the photographer **was** a girl.

The first school you victimized was an all-girls school.

Here's the thing.

...Would have stayed closed until she got home.

You really thought it out. Even if she did look in her bag...

...Her empty lunchbox...

But...

...and planned to get it back when she came to the clinic.

...

So you hid your camera inside...

...Your camera is right here.

Unfortu-nately for you...

GRIN

!!

Got it! Nice work, Takeru!

ZSH

Dad! This doctor is the one who took all those pictures.

LONDON

Oh, right.

We arrested the photogra—

Miki! It's okay now!

KACHAK

You've been charged with harassment and disturbing the peace.

PAT

Takehiko Chikamatsu! I must ask you to come with me.

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Bonus

I want to frolic and play, like with an ordinary dog!! Don't you understand, Sherdog?!!

I! Love!! Dogs!!

I can't take it anymore!!

That's not how dogs play!!

SIGH

21 straight wins

← 0 wins

Up for another round of chess?

But I **always** play with you in your free time.

MAYBE I **WILL** SNAP THAT PIPE IN TWO...

Must you be com-pletely useless?

YAWN

Knowledge is a detective's lifeline. You'll have to do something about that allowance, Watson.

Just use the internet.

Not only is the validity of internet information questionable at best, but said information is difficult to process, Watson.

Now fetch!

They play, like...y'know. Fetch, and Frisbee, and tag...

Such dull and pointless frivolities. You would have me act like a dog?

DREAMY

BLUNT

Come back here!

BUT HE'S STILL A HELPLESS LITTLE PUPPY!

GRRR. I DON'T KNOW IF HE'S SHERLOCK HOLMES OR WHAT,

GLARE

I'LL DISCIPLINE HIM UNTIL HE KNOWS HOW TO BEHAVE!

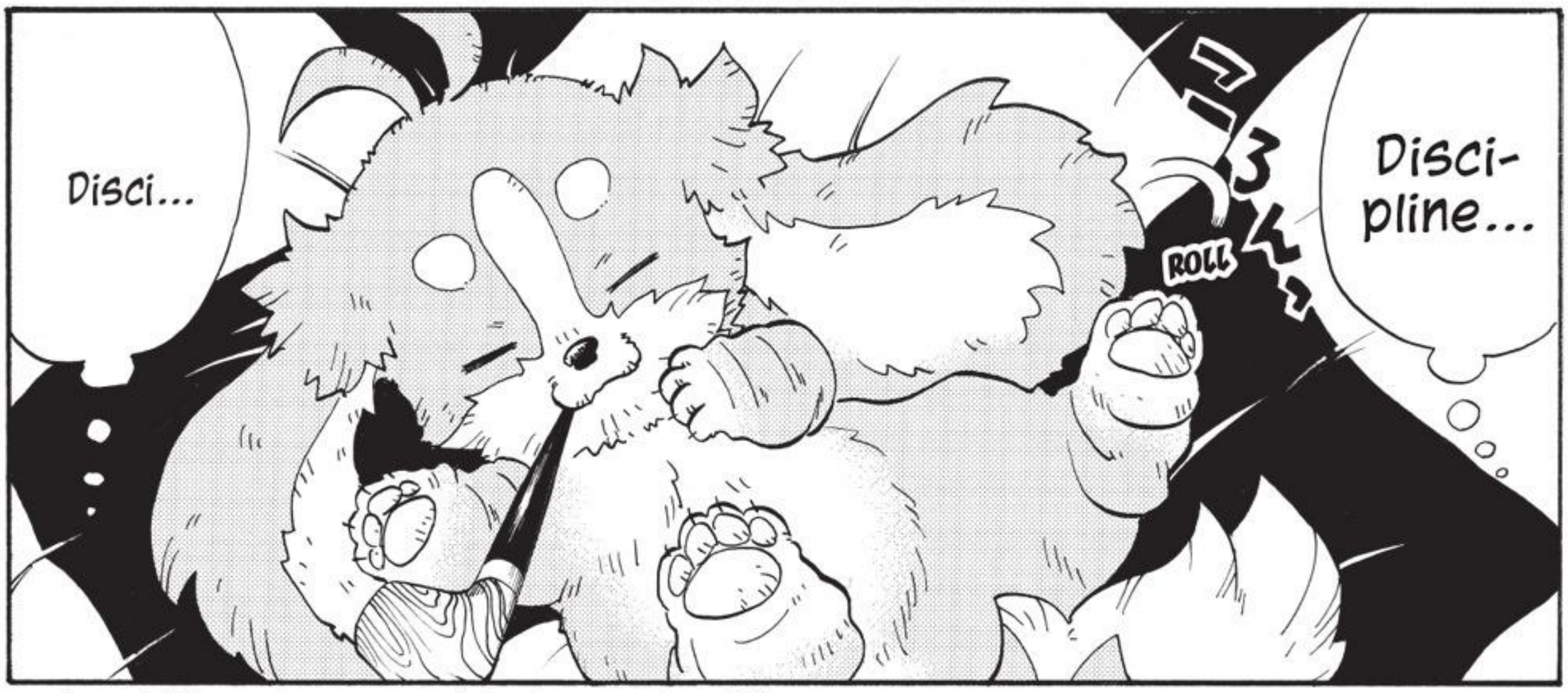
I can't afford any more on my allowance.

DUN

Every book of modern learning, purchased by Takeru.

More importantly, have the books I asked you for arrived yet? The Japanese Statute Books and the 120 volumes of *World Masterpieces*?

Ando-sensei, Editor I-san, my staff, my mentor, my friends, my family,
and all my readers—thanks...



...always! I'll continue to work hard every day. Yuki

Note: Won't let him pet him when he's awake.

To be continued next volume! (I think.)

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